

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:NA  
AREA:Brookline

SURVEY NO.:B-4185  
MAGI NO.:0441858704

ADDRESS:3500 Fairview Avenue  
CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK:2909 LOT:2  
HEIGHT:3 stories  
CONDITION:Good

LOT SIZE:149' 11" x 67' 0  
MATERIALS:Brick  
OWNER:Ashman Limited Partnership  
ADDRESS:  
ACCESSIBLE:No  
LIBER/FOLIO:SEB1543-544



HISTORIC NAME:Ashburton Apartments, Apartment "C"  
DATE:1906-1913  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:  
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):Mission Revival

DESCRIPTION:

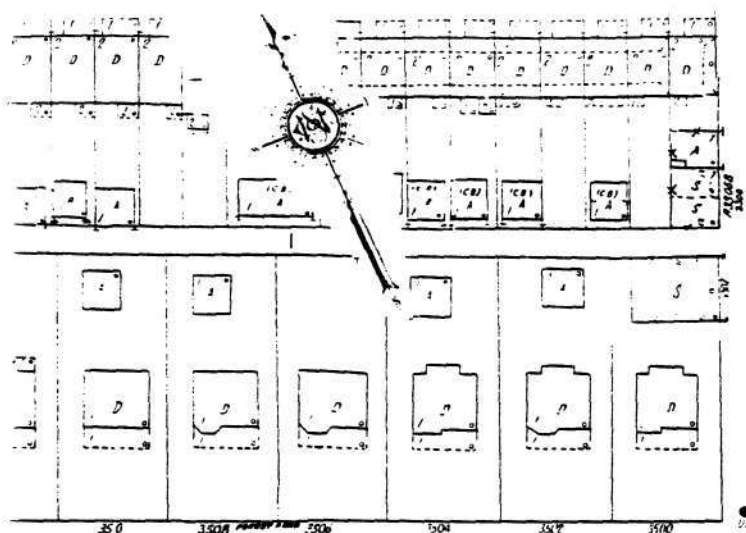
3500 Fairview Avenue is one of 9 matching, although not identical, stuccoed brick apartment buildings, in the Brookline neighborhood of northwest Baltimore, 3 blocks west of Lake Ashburton. It is located at the northwest corner of Fairview and Edgewood St. 3500 is almost identical to 3413 Fairview, with the same plain rectilinear parapet above its flat roof. The major feature on the primary facade is a full-width stuccoed wood porch, with deck, on the first floor. The second story has 2 two bay balconies with plain wood bracket supports. The balconies' original wood balustrades (see B-3413), has been replaced with a plain metal railing. A shed roof above the third floor, which is also still remaining on 3413, has been removed from 3501. The first floor is 3 bays wide with paired windows and a center door. The second and third floors are six bays wide with 1 over 1 windows and end doors leading to what appears to be a sleeping porch. On its sides are flush balustrades, that are the same as the other decorated wood railings on the remainder of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE:

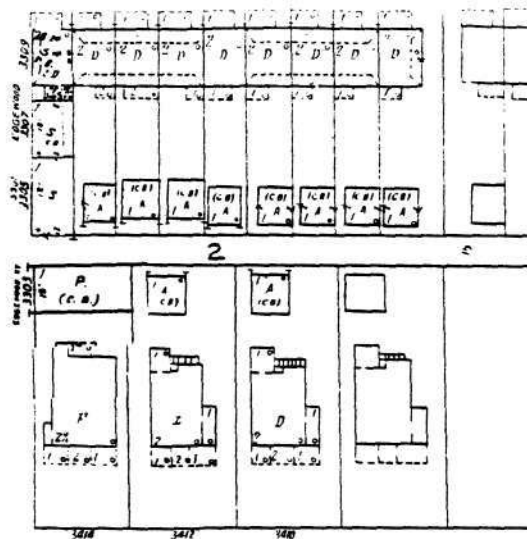
AREA:Architecture LEVEL:Local

3500 Fairview Avenue would be eligible for the National Register within a district of undetermined boundaries in the Brookline area of northwest Baltimore. Built in the early twentieth century, between 1906-1913, this building is an example of the use of the Mission Revival style in suburban development. Mission Revival was most common outside of the southwest between 1905-1920. (Virginia and Lee McAlester, A Field Guide to American Homes, p.408-415) The Mission style details of the Ashburton Apartments include smooth stucco walls, tile roofs, shaped Mission roof parapets, and square porch supports. The Bromley 1906 Atlas shows no development on this block. At that time construction on Fairview began east at 3614 and 3617, with development in the area centered on Garrison Boulevard, north of Duvall and only stretching as far west as Winfield. The land of the 3400 and 3500 blocks of Fairview was once part of the Gittings Estate "Ashburton". Gittings sold a large portion of his farm in 1919 for development. However, the land of this block of Fairview, south of Liberty Heights, was sold by 1896. Brookline was one of a number of developments which sprang up in west Baltimore during the first part of the twentieth century. They acted as infill between the earlier planned suburban developments that were replacing Baltimore county's nineteenth century country estates. Today this region of Brookline is included in the Baltimore neighborhood of Ashburton.

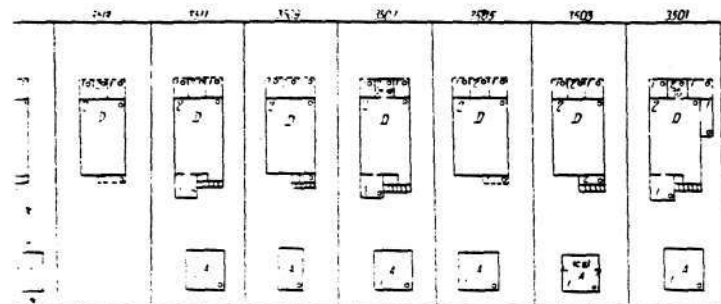
SOURCES:Bond, Allen K., Guide to Baltmre & Environs.1926/Beyond Wht Mrble Steps/ Bromley Atlas 1896/ CHAP Files & Ashburton Survey/McAlester/MHS, V.Files/Pratt, V.Files.  
SURVEYOR AND DATE:Mary K. Mannix, March 2, 1987



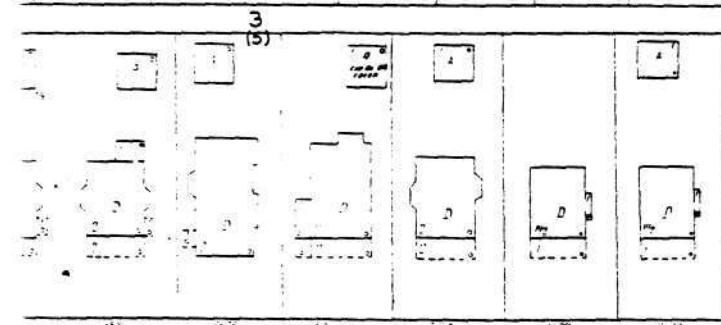
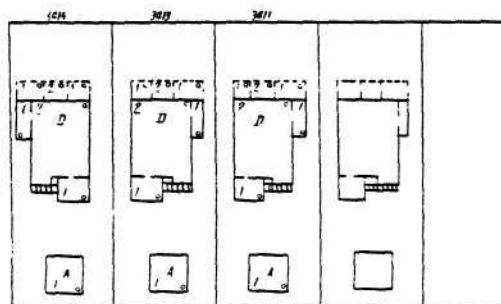
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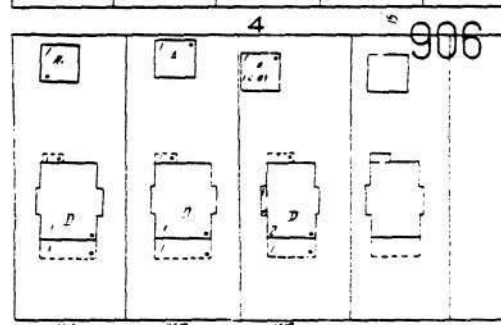
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N. EDGEWOOD



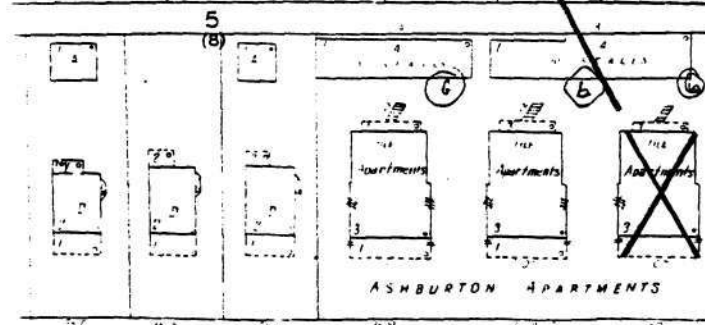
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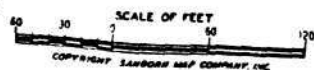
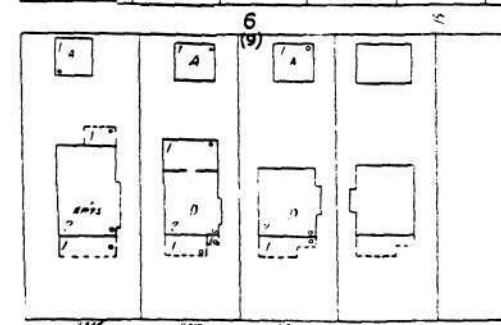
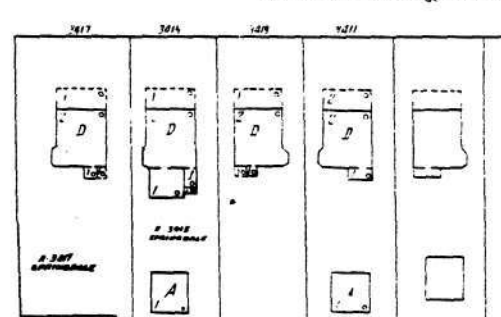
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Baltimore City  
Baltimore West Quad.





Ashburton Apt. "C"  
3500 Fairview Ave. B-4185  
Baltimore (city), Maryland  
Photo: Mary K Mannix  
Date: September 1987  
Neg. loc.: MD Hist Trust  
Southwest elevation